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1. There is considerable tribal fighting going on in the region inhabited by the Danakil (sic) and Aussa tribes, and the Ethiopian Government has closed the road between Adama and Diredauna. An Italian truck driver who arrived in Addis Ababa from Diredauna on 1 January 1949 reported that he had seen large bands of armed Dankalis along the road near Auasch Station, but that he was allowed to pass without trouble. The road between Diredauna and Djibouti is still closed, because of the danger from the Issa tribes. Comment. See 25X1A2g

2. A peasant sued the local commander of the Ethiopian Army forces for the value of the cattle taken from him by soldiers during the recent uprising in the Province of Begemdir. Comment. 25X1A6a that fighting had broken out between government forces and rebellious elements in Begemdir Province during November 1948.) The peasant was given a favorable decision by the Governor of the Province, Andargue Massai, and, as a result, many suits of the same nature have been instituted. The army has threatened to take punitive action and source believes that, should the Army make good its threat, there will be serious trouble in Begemdir Province.

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